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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Eiji KANEHIRA et al.
Serial No. : 10/654,178
Filed : September 3, 2003
For : MEDICAL TREATMENT INSTRUMENT
Art Unit : 3739
Examiner : PEEFLEY, MICHAEL F.
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RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2005, the term for response to which is extended by four months by Petition for Extension filed concurrently herewith to expire on February 26, 2006.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species 42, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on elected Species 42 are claims 1 and 49-69.

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It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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